

February 2022 Director's Report:

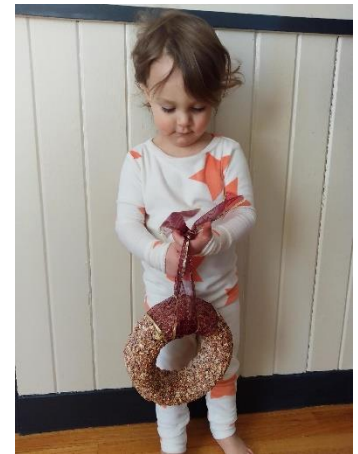
### Friends Membership Drive Report

- **So far, the 2022 Membership Drive has brought in:**
  - 62 total members
  - \$1,880.00 total income
  - 7 have used the online payment method



### Library Programming / Events:

- As follows are some programs we've been able to hold, and those we have planned as upcoming events:
  - Our **ECNCI Literacy Grant** application has been approved! This means we will be co-hosting a downtown StoryWalk with the ISU Extension in March and will be giving out Literacy Kits for ages 0-5 in April. Watch for more news coming soon.
  - **Parent Engagement Event for bilingual families of our K-12 schools.** Paula, Lin, and myself hosted an evening event for bilingual families in our school district. We gave a program showing many of our resources (especially those offered in Spanish), talked about how to get a card and all the things you can do with one, and gave information about our programs. We ended with a tour of the library and a chance to sign up for cards and check out materials. It was very well-received and we were thankful to have both Lin from our staff and Lizbeth from the schools to help with translation.
  - **Holistic Healthy Eating & Weight Loss with Jackie Mart.** Our event on January 20<sup>th</sup> was attended by in-person and online participants.
  - **Maker Monday**
    - January and February have been take-home kits. A birdseed wreath and a spring wreath made mostly from recycled grapevine wreaths we no longer use at Christmas time. March will be fancy Easter egg kits, and we are still deciding what to put together for April. Rosemarie has begun doing a good deal of the work related to these events, which is most helpful.
  - **Outreach**
    - Paula is back to visiting Early Headstart, Guardian Angels, and Headstart classrooms, for up to 6 outreach visits per month.
  - **Online Knit & Crochet Group (continual)**
    - We continue to host weekly Zoom meetings, sometimes also outdoors or in the community room, hosted by Tena. *Recently we gained an attendee from Alexandria, Egypt and members of the group very much enjoyed speaking with her!*
  - **Book Club (continual)**
    - This is now also offered as a hybrid program, hosted via zoom and in-person, by Beth.
  - **Story Times**
    - Paula has offered story time events in the Community Room or Children's Department since mid-September.



## Other Updates:

### ▪ **Imagination Library**

- As of the date of this report, we have 139 children registered from all over Emmet County. (The number fluctuates as some are added and some “graduate” each month.)

### • **Community Room Renovation Project**

- Now that the new year has rolled over, we’ve begun speaking with the architectural firm about when we can start work on our project. The first step will be a visit from one of their representatives to take new measurements on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Initial timeline projections include development of construction documents by the end of April, allowing four weeks for construction bids, having costs together by June, and allowing another month for contracts to be signed, which would mean the earliest possible start date is July. We were advised to look to fall, as most contractors will be busy with outdoor work in summer. We are tentatively planning a November 1 construction start date. This project is funded through the Friends organization with the help of donations and grants. We will find out throughout the process how much more funding we need to generate to finish the project.

